



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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February 22, 2007

My Fellow Citizens,

This morning the City of Falls Church filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court to block the Fairfax County Water Authority from unfairly lobbying for new customers in our water service area. We took this step after careful deliberations with our City Manager, our City Attorney, and private legal counsel.

At issue is our City's right to compete for new business in those areas where our water system is already in place. Locational competition is always a good thing – as long as it is open and transparent.

For nearly 60 years, our water utility has provided quality water and quality service to customers inside, and outside, our city limits. We are proud of our record, and we are proud of our working relationships with our government partners and our neighbors. We want to preserve these existing relationships as we all prepare to meet the demands of new growth in the future.

Be assured — today's legal action will, in no way, impact our current operations. We are merely taking the necessary steps to preserve our right to serve our customers now, and in the future.

Thank you for your continued support. I will keep you posted as new developments arise.

Sincerely,

Robin S. Gardner